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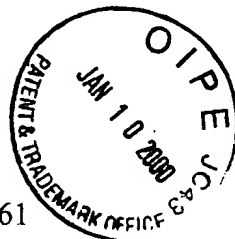
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Dear Sir/Madam:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure set forth at 37 C.F.R Section 1.56, and in full compliance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.97-1.99, I hereby submit a copy of each of the below-listed references, along with a description of the relationship between the subjects in these references and this invention being submitted.

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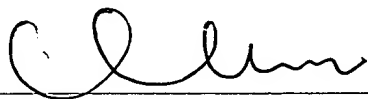
<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Inventor(s)</u>	<u>Date</u>
5,596,382	Bamford	1/1997
5,262,813	Scharton	11/1993
5,899,956	Chan	4/1999

US Patent No. 5,596,382 and 5,262,813 disclose of mechanical devices able to capture, via a mechanical camera, a road scene upon impact activated by mechanical trigger mechanisms during a car accident. USPTO has ruled, in responding to a prior patent application of now US Patent No. 5,899,956, that both references failed to disclose the use of digital technology as did the invention disclosed in US Patent No. 5,899,956 by the same inventor of the current invention. Specifically, both of the references fail to disclose the use of a persistent memory means as shown by the invention in US Patent No. 5,899,956 as in the current invention.

Unlike US Patent No. 5,899,956, which is a device invented by the same inventor for a land based transportation, the current invention is designed to be used in multiple different environments to include land, sea and air based transportation systems using minimum number of components to achieve the desired objectives. This simplified arrangement is developed to reduce the manufacturing cost of the device and thus make such a device more affordable for the general public in the society. While reducing in complexity and thus manufacturing cost in general, this new invention includes other specific improvement not addressed in US Patent No. 5,899,956, such as to provide means to capture the performance and activities of the operator of a transportation system in addition to the capturing of external crash scenes.

A completed PTO Information Disclosure Statement form, listing the items discussed above, accompanies this Disclosure.

Respectfully submitted,



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